

THE SMART PROGRAMMER

I'm very sorry for the lengthy delay in getting this issue out. I really want to THANK everyone of you for your patience and understanding. We truly are trying and we have NOT lost interest in producing this publication. I do enjoy writing it.

As you can see we have not gone out of business nor do we have any such plans. Its interesting how these rumors get started. Its almost like someone wants us out of the 99/4A business. Well I have news for them its going to take a lot more than a couple of rumors to get us out. We like it too much! The past few months have been quite hectic with new product development and some time consuming legal dribble. In the new product department we have a lot of new goodies planned and started and as soon as they are ready we will let you know. In the not so new department we are working on finishing up that book and program we talked about last year.

The reason we have been sending back the renewals, that many of you have sent in, is because we have not completed your original subscription yet. I know the subscription form said "1 Year (12 Issues)" and that the first year is up. However we still have 5 more issues to go before the "12 Issues" are completed. You paid for 12 issues so we owe you 12 issues, I don't care how the rest of the publishing industry handles it. After these are completed we are looking at producing this publication in a different form. As you know it has been very hard to get this out in a timely fashion and still handle other new items. So what we are looking at is publishing a large issue 3 or 4 times a year and sending out a brochure to let you know its ready. I have a hard time sleeping at night, since I'm so far behind on this newsletter, knowing that you

believed it would be published every month. As soon as we know exactly how we are going to handle the newsletter after the first 12 issues we will let you know. We are NOT abandoning the 4A or compatible computer, so long as you don't. It is still the BEST Home Computer around and there are a lot of GOOD things about to happen, for all of us, from a number of companies. So lets continue to prove the industry wrong and show them that there truly is life after death!?

Within the next couple of months we will be sending out a new catalog to everyone on our mailing list. This catalog will contain some new software and books as well as all of our other items. What we would also like to include in this catalog is a complete listing of the 99/4A and TI PC Users Groups from around the world. Along with the User Groups list we will also include a complete listing of all the dealers that are currently carrying our products.

In order to provide the most up to date listing of the Users Groups we ask that every Group that would like to be listed to please send us the following information: Group Name, Complete Address, Person to Contact, Phone Number, Total Group Membership, Library Size, Group BBS Number and the subscription rate for your newsletter. If your group prefers not to give out some of the above information we'll understand and we will place an N/A in that section of the listing. Even though our database already contains most of the Users Groups we will only publish the names that are sent in. So please help us spread the word to all Groups, there are a lot of 4A users out there looking for groups and newsletters.

Q & A

Before we start the Q & A section I must ask once again to PLEASE not send self addressed stamped envelopes with your questions. I hate to see money go to waste but time does not permit me to respond except through the newsletter. I also feel this is the best way since we receive many similar questions and I think everyone would like to read them. OK enough of that so lets get started.

What is the latest information on the Sci Tech RAM Disk Card?

Well its not a Sci Tech project any more it has been turned over to another company by the name of Computronics which is in Corona California. They can be reached at (714) 369-5964. I've been told that this phone number is answered 24 hours a day.

This project is way behind schedule so I'm still not sure when it will be ready or how much the unit will cost. We were only contracted to do the software for the unit in two phases. Phase one of the software has been completed since October of 84', all it needs is a prototype card to marry it to for testing purposes. After it is tested out we can move on to phase two and complete the software. I believe that the target price for this unit with 128K of RAM will be comparable to the Foundation 128K Card. Since it is now being handled by a company that is new to the 4A market place please go easy on them. However, a phone call with your vote of confidence might help speed things up a little!

Are the rumors about the 99/8 clone true? Do you think it is for real this time?

From what I currently know about this new computer it should be much better than a 99/8! So lets not call it a 99/8 clone any more lets just call it the the "Mystery Machine". I know we have all heard this story many times before but this time it really looks like we will have a new and very powerful big brother for our 4A's. The exact details of this computer are currently not available for release. I believe the company that is working on it

is planning on debuting it at the 1985 June CES show in Chicago. So keep your fingers crossed and we'll keep you posted.

What the heck is going on between Millers Graphics and CorComp.

Because of time consuming legal dribble I can't say too much at this time. As you may be aware CorComp filled for Bankruptcy back in September of 84'. Well we were one of the companies that they filled against. Ouch! We thought we could work things out with them but alas communications have broken down. No Pay - No Work. Until the legal system gets through with this mess we can't say much more so stay tuned to this spot for the next episode of "As The Electron Turns".

P.S. Many thanks to everyone on Compuserve and The Source for your support on this matter.

LETS GET STARTED WITH THE FUN STUFF

The following XB program loads the uncompressed assembly file on the next page to activate an interrupt driven time clock on your monitor. After assembling the source code, type in and save this XB program as DSK1.LOAD. Then whenever you select XB from the menu the clock will start up. Have fun.

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1 !      Clock Loader
      (DIS/FIX 80 obj file)
      and clock setter program
      by Paul Schippnick
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2 CALL INIT :: CALL LOAD("DSK1.CLOCK"):: CALL LINK("CLOCK")
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3 DISPLAY AT(12,1):"TIME? ____
   ____" :: ACCEPT AT(12,6)SIZE(-6)BEEP VALIDATE(DIGIT):TIME
   $ :: CALL LINK("SETCLK",TIME
   $)
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4 CALL CLEAR :: CALL LOAD(-3
   1952,255,231,255,231)!
      This clears the load
      program out of memory like
      'NEW' does.
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* CLOCK ROUTINE FOR USE BY EXTENDED BASIC - ASSEMBLE THIS FILE UNCOMPRESSED

* ROUTINE IS LOADED BY:

* CALL INIT
* CALL LOAD("DSK1.XCLOCK")
* CALL LINK("CLOCK")

* EXECUTION BEGINS UPON RETURN TO X-BASIC

* TO SET CLOCK (ASSUME TIME IS 3:31 PM):
* THE FORMAT IS HHMMSS

* CALL LINK("SETCLK","153100")

* DOUGLAS C. WARREN
* 12/05/84

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DEF CLOCK,SETCLK

VMBW EQU >2024	VDP MULTIPLE BYTE WRITE EQUATE
STRREF EQU >2014	STRING REFERENCE EQUATE
GPLWS EQU >83E0	GPL WORKSPACE ADDRESS
STATUS EQU >837C	STATUS BYTE ADDRESS
NEXT EQU >70	NEXT ENTRY IN GPL INTERPRETER
ISR EQU >83C4	ISR HOOK ADDRESS
TIMER EQU 60	COUNTER FOR 60th OF SECOND LOOP COUNTER
COUNTR DATA TIMER	LOOP COUNTER
WSR BSS 6	R0-R2! BEGINNING OF OUR WORKSPACE REGISTERS
R3LB EQU \$+1	
DATA >8090	R3! A SPACE AND THE TEN'S HOUR DIGIT
DATA >909A	R4! THE ONE'S HOUR DIGIT AND A COLON
R5LB EQU \$+1	
DATA >9090	R5! THE TEN'S AND ONE'S MINUTES DIGITS
R6LB EQU \$+1	
DATA >9A90	R6! A COLON AND THE TEN'S SECOND DIGIT
R7LB EQU \$+1	
DATA >9092	R7! THE ONE'S SECOND DIGIT AND COMPARISTON DATA
R8LB EQU \$+1	
DATA >9096	R8! COMPARISON DATA
R9LB EQU \$+1	
DATA >9A94	R9! COMPARISON DATA
DATA >0100	R10!
R11LB EQU \$+1	
DATA >6060	R11! DATA USED TO CONVERT ASCII DATA FOR BASIC SCREEN
R12LB EQU \$+1	
R13LB EQU \$+3	
R14LB EQU \$+5	
R15LB EQU \$+7	
DATA >0006	R12! BEGINNING OF STRING BROUGHT IN THROUGH 'SETCLK'
BSS 6	R13-R15! SPACE FOR DATA BROUGHT IN THROUGH 'SETCLK'

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HOOK DATA START THIS IS THE START OF OUR PROGRAM
CLOCK MOV @HOOK,@ISR LOAD THE ISR HOOK WITH THE START ADDRESS
START LWPI WSR LOAD OUR WORKSPACE REGISTERS
DEC @COUNTR HAS A MINUTE PASSED YET?
JNE SCRN NO!
LI R0,TIMER PREPARE TO RELOAD COUNTER
MOV R0,@COUNTR RELOAD COUNTR FOR NEXT MINUTE COUNT
A R10,R7 INCREMENT ONE'S SECOND DIGIT
CB R9,R7 SEE IF 10 SECONDS HAVE PASSED
JGT SCRN NO!
MOVB R8,R7 RESET ONE'S SECOND DIGIT TO ZERO
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INC R6 INCREMENT TEN'S DIGIT
CB @R8LB,@R6LB SEE IF 60 SECONDS HAVE PASSED
JGT SCRN NO!
MOVB R8,@R6LB RESET TEN'S SECOND DIGIT
-----
INC R5 INCREMENT ONE'S MINUTE DIGIT
CB R9,@R5LB SEE IF 10 MINUTES HAVE PASSED
JGT SCRN NO!
MOVB R8,@R5LB RESET ONE'S MINUTE DIGIT TO ZERO
-----
A R10,R5 INCREMENT TEN'S MINUTES DIGIT
CB @R8LB,R5 SEE IF 60 MINUTES HAVE PASSED
JGT SCRN NO!
MOVB R8,R5 RESET TEN'S MINUTE DIGIT
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A R10,R4 INCREMENT ONE'S HOUR DIGIT
CB @R7LB,@R3LB TEN'S HOUR DIGIT A 0 OR 1?
JGT CLK1 YES!
CB @R9LB,R4 IS THE ONE'S HOUR DIGIT PAST 3?
JGT CLK1 NO!
MOVB R9,R4 SET ONE'S HOUR DIGIT BEFORE ENTERING CLK1
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CLK1 CB R9,R4 HAS 12 HOURS PASSED YET?
JGT SCRN NO!
MOVB R8,R4 CLEAR ONE'S HOUR DIGIT
INC R3 INCREMENT TEN'S HOUR DIGIT
CB @R7LB,@R3LB HAVE 24 HOURS PASSED?
JHE SCRN NO!
MOVB R8,@R3LB CLEAR TEN'S HOUR DIGIT
SCRN LI R0,22 LOAD SCREEN LOCATION FOR CLOCK
LI R1,WSR+6 LOAD DATA LOCATION TO MOVE
LI R2,9 LOAD NUMBER OF BYTES TO MOVE
BLWP @VMBW MOVE THE CLOCK TO THE SCREEN
LWPI GPLWS RELOAD GPL WORKSPACE
RT RETURN TO INTERRUPT ROUTINE
=====
* SETCLOCK ROUTINE

SETCLK LWPI WSR LOAD OUR WORKSPACE REGISTERS
LI R12,>0006 MAKE SURE R12 HAS A 6 IN THE MSB FOR THE STRREF ROUTINE
LI R0,TIMER LOAD R0 WITH 60
MOV R0,@COUNTR RELOAD OUR MINUTE TIMER
CLR R0 WE WON'T BE LOADING AN ARRAY SO CLEAR R0
LI R1,1 ONLY ONE PARAMETER BEING PASSED TO US THROUGH CALL LINK

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LI R2,R12LB	WHERE TO PUT THE TIME STRING
BLWP @STRREF	GET THE TIME STRING
MOVB R13,@R3LB	MOVE THE TEN'S HOUR DIGIT INTO PLACE
MOVB @R13LB,R4	MOVE THE ONE'S HOUR DIGIT INTO PLACE
MOV R14,R5	MOVE THE ONE'S AND TEN'S MINUTE DIGITS INTO PLACE
MOVB R15,@R6LB	MOVE THE TEN'S SECOND DIGIT INTO PLACE
MOVB @R15LB,R7	MOVE THE ONE'S SECOND DIGIT INTO PLACE
AB R11,@R3LB	ADD THE BASIC SCREEN OFFSET TO OUR TIME
AB R11,R4	.
A R11,R5	.
AB R11,@R6LB	.
AB R11,R7	.
MOVB R0,@STATUS	CLEAR THE STATUS BYTE
LWPI GPLWS	LOAD THE GPL WORKSPACE REGISTERS
B @NEXT	RETURN TO THE GPL INTERPRETER (i.e. BASIC IN OUR CASE)
END	

Here is the CALL LOAD Version of the CLOCK and SETCLK Assembly routines.

10 CALL CLEAR :: CALL INIT	110 CALL LOAD(9592,37,5,36,2
	53,20,2,216,8,36,253,2,0,0,2
20 CALL LOAD(16368,83,69,84,	2,2,1,36,252,2,2,0,9)
67,76,75,37,152)	
	120 CALL LOAD(9614,4,32,32,3
30 CALL LOAD(16376,67,76,79,	6,2,224,131,224,4,91,2,224,3
67,75,32,37,24)	6,246,2,12,0,6,2,0,0,60)
	130 CALL LOAD(9636,200,0,36,
40 CALL LOAD(8194,37,226,63,	244,4,192,2,1,0,1,2,2,37,15,
240)	4,32,32,20,216,13,36,253)
	140 CALL LOAD(9658,209,32,37
50 CALL LOAD(9460,0,60,0,0,0	,17,193,78,216,15,37,3,209,2
,0,0,0,128,144,144,154,144,1	24,37,21,184,11,36,253,177,1
44,154,144,144,146,144,150,1	1,161,75)
54,148)	
	150 CALL LOAD(9680,184,11,37
60 CALL LOAD(9482,1,0,96,96,	,3,177,203,216,0,131,124,2,2
0,6,205,75,205,96,33,131,37,	24,131,224,4,96,0,112,88,79)
30,200,32,37,22,131,196,2,22	
4)	160 CALL LINK("CLOCK")
	170 DISPLAY AT(12,1):"TIME?_
70 CALL LOAD(9504,36,246,6,3	_____ " :: ACCEPT AT(12,6)SIZ
2,36,244,22,45,2,0,0,60,200,	E(-6)BEEP VALIDATE(DIGIT):TI
0,36,244,161,202,145,201,21,	ME\$:: CALL LINK("SETCLK",TI
38)	ME\$)
	180 CALL CLEAR :: CALL LOAD(
80 CALL LOAD(9526,209,200,5,	-31952,255,231,255,231)!
134,152,32,37,7,37,3,21,32,2	This is like 'NEW'
16,8,37,3,5,133,152,9,37,1)	
90 CALL LOAD(9548,21,26,216,	
8,37,1,161,74,145,96,37,7,21	
,20,209,72,161,10,152,32,37,	
5)	
100 CALL LOAD(9570,36,253,21	
,4,145,32,37,9,21,1,209,9,14	
5,9,21,8,209,8,5,131,152,32)	

RS232 CARD - DSR MEMORY MAP

RS232 DSR HEADER

Note: This header MUST be at >4000 for a valid DSR

>4000	>AA01	Header Validation byte and Version Number
>4002	>0000	Number of Application Programs - not used in DSRs
>4004	>4010	Power Up Header Address
>4006	>0000	Application Program Header - only used in cart GROM/ROM
>4008	>4016	DSR Header Address
>400A	>0000	Subprogram Header Address - none here
>400C	>406C	Interrupt Link Header Address
>400E	>0000	Not Used - Reserved

POWER UP HEADER

>4010	>0000	Link to next Power Up Header - no more
>4012	>40F4	Entry Point for this Power Up Routine
>4014	>0000	Not Used

DSR HEADER(s)

>4016	>4020	Link to next DSR Header
>4018	>416E	Entry Point for this DSR Routine
>401A	>05	Length of DSR Routine Name
>401B	>5253323332	RS232 DSR Link Name
>4020	>402C	Link to next DSR Header
>4022	>416E	Entry Point for this DSR Routine
>4024	>07	Length of DSR Routine Name
>4025	>52533233322F31	RS232/1 DSR Link Name
>402C	>4038	Link to next DSR Header
>402E	>4174	Entry Point for this DSR Routine
>4030	>07	Length of DSR Routine Name
>4031	>52533233322F32	RS232/2 DSR Link Name
>4038	>4040	Link to next DSR Header
>403A	>415E	Entry Point for this DSR Routine
>403C	>03	Length of DSR Routine Name
>403D	>50494F	PIO DSR Link Name
>4040	>404A	Link to next DSR Header
>4042	>415E	Entry Point for this DSR Routine
>4044	>05	Length of DSR Routine Name
>4045	>50494F2F31	PIO/1 DSR Link Name
>404A	>4054	Link to next DSR Header
>404C	>4164	Entry Point for this DSR Routine
>404E	>05	Length of DSR Routine Name
>404F	>50494F2F32	PIO/2 DSR Link Name (for second RS232 Card)
>4054	>4060	Link to next DSR Header
>4056	>4180	Entry Point for this DSR Routine
>4058	>07	Length of DSR Routine Name
>4059	>52533233322F33	RS232/3 DSR Link Name (for second RS232 Card)
>4060	>0000	Link to next DSR Header - no more
>4062	>417A	Entry Point for this DSR Routine
>4064	>07	Length of DSR Routine Name
>4065	>52533233322F34	RS232/4 DSR Link Name (for second RS232 Card)

RS232 CARD - DSR MEMORY MAP Continued

INTERRUPT HEADER	
>406C	>0000 Link to next Interrupt Header - no more
>406E	>40D2 Entry Point for Interrupt Link Routine
>4070	>0000 Not Used - Reserved
>4072	>0800 Data for Eight & Zero
>4074	>0303 Data for Three
OPTIONS TABLE	
>4076	>4543 EC >4512 Entry Point for EC.
>407A	>4352 CR >4518 Entry Point for CR.
>407E	>4C46 LF >451E Entry Point for LF.
>4082	>4E55 NU >4524 Entry Point for NU.
>4086	>4441 DA >4570 Entry Point for DA.
>408A	>4241 BA >4536 Entry Point for BA.
>408E	>5041 PA >4540 Entry Point for PA.
>4092	>5457 TW >4596 Entry Point for TW.
>4096	>4348 CH >452A Entry Point for CH.
>409A	>0000 End of Options Table
CLOCK VALUE POINTER TABLE	
>409C	>0028 Value at >000C in Console ROM for 2.5 MHz Clock
>409E	>40B6 Address of Values for 2.5 MHz Baud Rates
>40A0	>0030 Value at >000C in Console ROM for 3.0 MHz Clock
>40A2	>40C4 Address of Values for 3.0 MHz Baud Rates
>40A4	>0000 End of Table
BAUD RATE TABLE	
>40A6	>006E 110 Baud
>40A8	>012C 300 Baud
>40AA	>0258 600 Baud
>40AC	>04B0 1200 Baud
>40AE	>0960 2400 Baud
>40B0	>12C0 4800 Baud
>40B2	>2580 9600 Baud
>40B4	>0000 End of Table
2.5 MHz CLOCK VALUES	
>40B6	>8563 >8482 >8209 >015B >8082 >8041 >002B
3.0 MHz CLOCK VALUES	
>40C4	>85AA >849C >8271 >01A1 >809C >804E >8027
>40D2	INTERRUPT ROUTINE ENTRY POINT This is the start of the Interrupt driven Circular Input Buffer Routine. This routine allows RS232, RS232/1 & RS232/2 inputs on interrupts and places the data in a predetermined VDP Buffer.
>40F4	POWER UP ROUTINE This is executed when the computer first powers up. This routine initializes the 9901 (PIO) and 9902s (RS232/1 & /2).
>401E	This is the balance of the Interrupt handling routine.
>415E	PIO & PIO/1 Entry Point
>4164	PIO/2 Entry Point (for second RS232 Card)
>416E	RS232 & RS232/1 Entry Point
>4174	RS232/2 Entry Point
>417A	RS232/4 Entry Point (for second RS232 Card)
>4180	RS232/3 Entry Point (for second RS232 Card)

RS232 CARD - DSR MEMORY MAP Continued

>418E	ALL RS232s JUMP TO HERE
>4190	ALL PIOs JUMP TO HERE
	and then they jump to one of the routines in the following table depending on the operation requested
	OPCODE VECTOR TABLE
>4202	>4210 Entry Point for OPEN
>4204	>4464 Entry Point for CLOSE
>4206	>4236 Entry Point for READ
>4208	>42FA Entry Point for WRITE
>420A	>4450 Entry Point for RESTORE/REWIND Illegal Opcode
>420C	>4338 Entry Point for LOAD
>420E	>43D2 Entry Point for SAVE
>4210	OPEN Routine (OPEN #1:"RS232".BA=xxxx etc.)
>4236	READ Routine (INPUT #1: A\$)
>42FA	WRITE Routine (PRINT #1: A\$)
>4338	LOAD Routine (OLD RS232)
>43D2	SAVE Routine (SAVE RS232)
>444A	Error Handling Routines
>4450	Illegal Opcode Handler
>4464	CLOSE Routine (CLOSE #1)
>4490	Routine to parse for the OPTIONS (BA, CR LF etc.)
	ROUTINES TO SET UP THE OPTIONS
>4512	ECHO - EC Option Routine (.EC)
>4518	CARRIAGE RETURN - CR Option Routine (.CR)
>451E	LINE FEED - LF Option routine (.LF)
>4524	NULL - NU Option Routine (.NU)
>452A	CHECK PARITY - CH Option Routine (.CH)
>4536	BAUD RATE - BA Option Routine (.BA=1200)
>4540	PARITY - PA Option Routine (.PA=E)
>4570	DATA BITS - DA Option Routine (.DA=8)
>4596	TWO STOP BITS - TW Option Routine (.TW)
	MISC SUBROUTINES AND ROUTINES
>45A0	The routines in this area are used by the above routines to set up registers and for parsing inputted values for Baud Rate etc.
>463A	This routine reads a single character in from an RS232 port.
>466A	This routine reads a single character in from the PIO port.
>4686	This routine places the block counter values on the screen during a LOAD or SAVE Opcode
>46EE	This routine sends the Carriage Return character when needed.
>4700	This routine sends the NULL characters when needed.
>4740	This routine checks for an INTERNAL Data type.
>474A	This routine checks for a FIXED Record Length.
>4754	This routine converts ASCII Values into Binary.
>4798	This is the Scan routine. It finds non-space characters.
>47E4	This routine Transmits a character to an RS232 port.
>4808	This routine Transmits a character to the PIO port.
>4822	These routines set up the RS232 ports and PIO port, clear the VDP Screen area for the SAVE and LOAD value, check Ready to Read check Status and cause a time delay between PIO characters.
>5000	The 1 Byte buffer used by the RS232 Card (not fully decoded)

ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PRINT ROUTINES

by Edgar Dohmann -- JSC User's Group (JUG)

Here are some general print routines which I have developed for use in assembly language programs. These routines are set up as BLWP subroutines to isolate their register usage from your main assembly language program which calls them. Included in the listings is a PAB definition for my printer ("RS232.BA=600"). Substitute your printer's description in PNAME and be sure to change the value of PNAMEL to reflect the length in bytes of your printer's description.

The PAB locations used here are >1F00 for the PAB description and >1F40 for the line buffer to be printed. You may use other areas of VDP for your PAB and buffer if you like, but make sure they are not being used by the computer for something else.

REF VSBW, VMBW, DSRLNK

PABLOC EQU >1F00 VDP LOCATION OF PAB
 DATLOC EQU >1F40 VDP LOCATION OF LINEP
 PABPNT EQU >8356 POINTER TO PAB

DATBUF BSS 80 80-BYTE LINE BUFFER
 PRTWSP BSS 32 WORKSPACE FOR ROUTINES

* **PAB DEFINITION**

PPAB DATA >0012 OPEN CODE & FLAGS
 DATA DATLOC LOCATION OF BUFFER
 DATA >5050 RECORD LENGTH
 DATA 0
 PNAMEL DATA 12 LENGTH OF PRINTER NAME
 PNAME TEXT 'RS232.BA=600' PRINTER NAME
 PPABE EQU \$ END OF PAB DEFINITION

PCLS BYTE 1 CLOSE CODE
 PWRT BYTE 3 WRITE CODE

POPEN DATA PRTWSP BLWP VECTOR FOR OPEN
 DATA POPN
 PCLOS DATA PRTWSP BLWP VECTOR FOR CLOSE
 DATA PCLO
 POUTP DATA PRTWSP BLWP VECTOR FOR OUTPUT
 DATA POUT

POPN LI R0, PABLOC GET VDP ADDRESS
 LI R1, PPAB POINT TO PAB DEF
 LI R2, PPABE-PPAB LENGTH OF PAB
 BLWP @VMBW MOVE PAB TO VDP
 LI R6, PABLOC+9 ADDRESS TO SAVE
 MOV R6, @PABPNT IN PAB POINTER
 BLWP @DSRLNK OPEN PRINTER
 DATA 8

LI R0, PABLOC GET VDP ADDRESS
 MOV @PWRT, R1 SET FOR WRITE
 BLWP @VSBW IN PAB
 RTWP

PCLO LI R0, PABLOC GET VDP ADDRESS
 MOV @PCLS, R1 SET FOR CLOSE
 BLWP @VSBW IN PAB
 LI R6, PABLOC+9 ADDRESS TO SAVE
 MOV R6, @PABPNT IN PAB POINTER
 BLWP @DSRLNK CLOSE PRINTER
 DATA 8
 RTWP

POUT LI R0, DATLOC VDP ADDR OF BUFFER
 LI R1, DATBUF POINT TO BUFFER
 LI R2, 80 80-BYTE LINE BUFFER
 BLWP @VMBW MOVE LINE TO VDP
 LI R6, PABLOC+9 ADDRESS TO SAVE
 MOV R6, @PABPNT IN PAB POINTER
 BLWP @DSRLNK WRITE A LINE
 DATA 8
 RTWP

Here is a program that can be used to test the print routines given above. The DEF statement will cause the program to be included in the REF/DEF table when it is loaded. The assembled object code can be loaded by either the LOAD AND RUN option of the Editor/Assembler or by a CALL LOAD from Basic and Extended Basic. If either Basic is used, a CALL LINK will have to follow the load to execute the program.

The test program given here will print two lines over and over until you reset the computer. For convenience, two additional routines are included with the program: PCLEAR will clear the line buffer in RAM and MOVMSG will copy a message into the line buffer to prepare it for printing.

* **ROUTINE FOR TESTING**

DEF TEST
 TSTWSP BSS 32 MY WORKSPACE
 TEST LWPI TSTWSP
 BLWP @POPEN OPEN PRINTER
 BL @PCLEAR CLEAR BUFFER
 LI R0, MSG1 MESSAGE TO PRINT
 LI R1, MSG1E-MSG1 LENGTH OF MESSG
 BL @MOVMSG MOVE TO LINE BUFF
 BLWP @POUTP PRINT MESSAGE
 BL @PCLEAR CLEAR BUFFER
 LI R0, MSG2 NEXT MESSAGE
 LI R1, MSG2E-MSG2 LENGTH
 BL @MOVMSG MOVE IT
 BLWP @POUTP PRINT IT
 BLWP @PCLOS CLOSE PRINTER
 JMP TEST **LOOP BACK**

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MSG1 TEXT 'TEST MESSAGE'
MSG1E EQU $
MSG2 TEXT 'ANOTHER MESSAGE'
MSG2E EQU $

PCLEAR LI R0,>2020    LOAD 2 BLANKS
        LI R1,40      80 BYTES = 40 WORDS
        LI R2,DATBUF  LOCATION OF BUFFER

PCLR1  MOV R0,*R2+    BLANK 2 BYTES
        DEC R1        DONE 40 WORDS YET?
        JNE PCLR1    LOOP TIL DONE
        RT

MOVMSG LI R2,DATBUF  LOCATION OF BUFFER
MOV1   MOVB *R0+,*R2+ MOVE A BYTE
        DEC R1        MESSAGE MOVED?
        JNE MOV1     LOOP TIL DONE
        RT

```

As I mentioned above, you can load the program with either Basic or Extended Basic. However, as you may know, Extended Basic does not include a DSRLNK to allow programs like this to access peripheral devices. Fortunately there are several versions of DSRLNK floating around which you can include in your program if you have access to them. John Phillips, John Clulow, and I have each provided versions of DSRLNK to User's Groups through the 99'ers Users Group Association.

Another alternative is to use a pseudo-DSRLNK routine like the one below. This is a "stripped down" version of DSRLNK which is only good for one peripheral. The standard DSRLNK searches through all DSR ROMs until it finds a device name which matches the one specified in your PAB. This version only searches one ROM and is set up here to check the 1st RS232 card (CRU address of >1300).

This routine is intended for calling with a BL so the BLWP @DSRLNK calls in the printer routines above should be replaced with BL @DSRLK calls. Also the DATA 8 instructions following the BLWP calls must be deleted. The advantage of this shortened version is that it is less than half the size of the standard DSRLNK so it is easier to type, takes up less memory, loads faster, and executes faster. One other change that must be made is to delete the REF statement for VSBW, VMBW, and DSRLNK. The Extended Basic loader does not resolve REReferences and the routines VSBW and VMBW must be explicitly EQUated to their X-Basic values as follows:

```

VSBW EQU >2020
VMBW EQU >2024

```

The value of PNAMP must be matched to the name length of your printer but must only reflect the characters up to the first period of the name. For a printer description of PIO.LF set PNAMP to 3.

```

* <<< PSEUDO DSRLNK >>>
PNAMP EQU 5          LENGTH OF 'RS232'

DSRLK  LWPI >83E0    GPL WORKSPACE
        LI R0,PNAMP  GET NAME LENGTH
        MOV R0,@>8354 SAVE FOR DSR USE
        INC R0       ADJUST FOR .
        A R0,@>8356  ADJUST PAB POINTER
        LI R12,>1300 CRU FOR 1ST RS232
        LI R1,1      DSR VERSION #
        SBO 0        TURN ON DSR
        LI R2,>4008  STD ADDR FOR DSR LINK
        JMP SGO2

SGO    MOV R3,R2     TRY NEXT DEVICE
SGO2   MOV *R2,R2    GET NEXT LINK ADDR
        JEQ NOROM    EXIT IF NO MORE
        MOV R2,R3    SAVE LINKAGE
        INCT R2      POINT DSR FOR DEVICE
        MOV *R2+,R9  SAVE IT MIGHT NEED IT
        LI R5,PNAMP*>100 NAME LEN IN MSB
        CB R5,*R2+   SEE IF LENGTH MATCHES
        JNE SGO     NO
        SRL R5,8     YES
        LI R6,PNAME  GET ADDRESS OF NAME
NAME1  CB *R6+,*R2+  SEE IF NAMES MATCH
        JNE SGO     NO
        DEC R5       YES
        JNE NAME1
        BL *R9       NAME MATCHES
        NOP          NEED ERROR RTN SPOT
        SBZ 0        TURN OFF DSR
NOROM  LWPI PRTWSP   PREPARE TO RETURN
        RT

```

One last point to mention is the fact that the CLOSE operation is not required for the RS232 peripheral. The PCLOS subroutine is included here mainly for completeness. Basic programs require the CLOSE operation to reclaim the VDP buffer space that was allocated when the "file" for the RS232 card was opened. However this is not necessary in assembly language and the DSR itself takes no action in response to a CLOSE command. CLOSE commands are required for real file oriented devices like disks because this causes the sector buffer in memory to be written to the disk (on write operations) and also causes the file directory (which is kept in memory while the file is open) to be written to the disk. Such activities are not necessary for devices like the RS232 card.

SCR #100

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0 ;S CHIP'S SOUND ROUTINES... DOCUMENTATION
1 These screens will allow you to use sound statements similar
2 to those of TI-Basic in TI-Forth. An example which you may find
3 useful is also included.
4 To use sound with the TI99/4A, you must first build a
5 sound list in VDP ram. The words SOUNDBUILD and NOISEBUILD will
6 help you do this. The format for SOUNDBUILD is:
7 generator# frequency volume SOUNDBUILD. Note that you must
8 specify tone generator 1, 2, or 3 for SOUNDBUILD. The frequency
9 is in hertz, and must be a number between 110 and 32767.
10 The volume is a number between 0 and 30, 0 being the loudest, an
11 d 30 being the softest.(silence) The format for NOISEBUILD is:
12 noise-type volume NOISEBUILD. The noise type is a number from
13 0 to 7. If noise #7 is specified, the noise shift rate depends
14 on the frequency you specify for sound generator #3.
15

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SCR #101

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0 ;S CHIP'S SOUND ROUTINES cont.
1 After executing a series of SOUNDBUILDS and/or a NOISEBUILD,
2 you execute the word DURATION. The format for DURATION is :
3 duration(in milliseconds) DURATION.
4 The duration can be from 0 to 4095 milliseconds.
5 ( Actually, the specification isn't exact--if you specify 4095
6 milliseconds, the sound will play for 4.25 seconds)
7 When you've finished creating a sound list with a series of
8 SOUNDBUILDS, NOISEBUILDS, and DURATIONS, you can hear the list
9 you've built by executing the word PLAY. If you want to hear
10 your sound list again, use the word REPLAY. Here is an example:
11 After loading the screens which contain the sound routines, type
12 in the following:
13 1 330 0 SOUNDBUILD 2 440 5 SOUNDBUILD <cr>
14 3000 DURATION <cr> PLAY <cr>
15 and then...REPLAY <cr> if you wish to hear the sounds again

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SCR #102

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0 ;S CHIP'S SOUND ROUTINES last docs.
1 The third screen of the sound routines shows another example
2 of the use of SOUNDBUILD and DURATION.
3 Words which define musical notes start on the fourth screen.
4 The format is : generator# octave# NOTENAME
5 where NOTENAME is one of the notes which is defined in the
6 fourth screen. For example 1 2 @A 1000 DURATION PLAY would make
7 generator #1 play the note A natural for 1 second. #A refers to
8 A sharp and $A refers to A flat. See the screens following the
9 fourth one for an example of how to use the words on the fourth
10 screen. (These screens contain a TI99/4A rendition of the theme
11 to the TV series Star Trek.)
12 I hope you enjoy using these screens. If you have any
13 questions, I'd be glad to answer them. My CompuServe user ID# is
14 74206,3252 and my name is Chip Jarvis. I can also be reached c/o
15 San Diego TI-SIG. 4013 HONEYCUTT ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92109

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SCR #103

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0 ( TESTED SOUND ROUTINES 2/14/85 CHIP JARVIS) BASE->R : SOUNDS ;
1 HEX 1400 VARIABLE S-START 1400 VARIABLE L-DUR
2 1401 VARIABLE S-END
3
4 : VDP-WRITE ( ...bytes to write, # of bytes)
5 0 DO S-END @ VSBW 1 S-END +! LOOP ;
6 : VOICE 1- 20 * 80 OR ; DECIMAL
7 : FREQ-CODE ( gen freq -- )
8 111861. ROT M/ SWAP DROP DUP 4 SRA ROT VOICE ROT 15 AND OR
9 2 VDP-WRITE ;
10 : VOL-CODE ( gen vol -- )
11 1 SRA SWAP VOICE 16 + OR 1 VDP-WRITE ;
12 : NOISE-CODE ( noisetype -- )
13 7 AND 224 OR 1 VDP-WRITE ;
14 : DUR-CODE ( millisec -- 60ths) 4 SRA 1 VDP-WRITE ;
15

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SCR #104

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0 ( SOUND ROUTINES CONT. )
1 : UPDATE-POINTERS ( -- )
2   S-END @ L-DUR @ - DUP 1- L-DUR @ VSBW 1+ L-DUR +! ;
3
4 : SOUNDBUILD ( gen freq vol --)
5   ROT DUP ROT VOL-CODE SWAP FREQ-CODE ;
6 : NOISEBUILD ( type vol --)
7   4 DUP ROT VOL-CODE SWAP NOISE-CODE ;
8 : DURATION ( millisec -- )
9   UPDATE-POINTERS DUR-CODE S-END 1 +! ;
10  HEX
11 : REPLAY ( replay sound list in vdp ram)
12   S-START @ 83CC 1 83FD C@ 1 OR 83FD C! 1 83CE C! ;
13 : PLAY 00 FF DF BF 9F 04 6 VDP-WRITE
14   1401 S-END ! 1400 L-DUR ! REPLAY ;
15   R->BASE -->

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SCR #105

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0 ( CHARGE! 2/14/85 T. CHIP JARVIS)
1   1 1047 0 SOUNDBUILD 125 DURATION
2   1 1175 0 SOUNDBUILD 125 DURATION
3   1 1319 0 SOUNDBUILD 125 DURATION
4   1 1568 0 SOUNDBUILD 125 DURATION
5   1 30000 0 SOUNDBUILD 125 DURATION
6   1 1319 0 SOUNDBUILD 175 DURATION
7   1 1568 0 SOUNDBUILD 600 DURATION
8   PLAY ;S
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SCR #106

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0 ( NOTE DEFINITIONS 2/16/85 C.JARVIS) 1000 VARIABLE FULLCOUNT
1 : NOTE <BUILDS , DOES> @ 2 / SWAP 0 DO 2 * LOOP 0 SOUNDBUILD ;
2 : NOTELEN <BUILDS , DOES> @ FULLCOUNT @ SWAP / DURATION ;
3 : NOTELEN. <BUILDS , DOES> @ FULLCOUNT @
4   DUP 2 / + SWAP / DURATION ;
5 110 NOTE @A
6 116 NOTE #A : $B #A ; 16 NOTELEN. SIXT.
7 123 NOTE @B 16 NOTELEN SIX
8 131 NOTE @C : $C @B ; 8 NOTELEN. EIGT.
9 139 NOTE #C 8 NOTELEN EIGT
10 147 NOTE @D : $D #C ; 4 NOTELEN. QUAR.
11 156 NOTE #D : $E #D ; 4 NOTELEN QUAR
12 165 NOTE @E : $F @E ; 2 NOTELEN. HALF.
13 175 NOTE @F 2 NOTELEN HALF
14 185 NOTE #F : $G #F ; 1 NOTELEN. WHOL.
15 196 NOTE @G 208 NOTE #G : $A 1 - #G ; 1 NOTELEN WHOL

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SCR #107

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0 ( STAR TREK MUSIC 2/16/85 CHIP JARVIS)
1 : *B @B ; : @B #A ; ( B's flat) : CE 1 2 @C 2 2 @E ;
2 1 2 @C QUAR 1 2 @C 2 1 @C QUAR
3 1 2 @C 2 3 @B 3 1 @F QUAR 1 2 @C 2 3 @B 3 1 @C QUAR
4 1 2 @C 2 3 @B QUAR 1 3 @A 2 1 @C QUAR
5 1 2 @G 2 2 @A 3 1 @F EIGT. 1 2 @F 2 2 @A 3 1 @F EIGT.
6 1 2 @E 2 2 @A 3 1 @F EIGT. 1 2 *B 2 2 #D HALF
7 CE 3 1 @F QUAR CE 3 1 @A QUAR
8
9 CE QUAR CE 3 1 @E QUAR
10 CE 3 1 #D QUAR CE 3 1 #C QUAR
11 1 2 @C QUAR 1 2 @C 2 1 @C QUAR
12 1 3 @C 2 3 @A 3 2 @A QUAR 1 3 @C 2 3 @A 3 1 @A QUAR
13 1 3 @C 2 3 @A QUAR 1 3 @B 2 1 @C QUAR
14 1 3 @A 2 2 @A 3 1 @F EIGT. 1 2 @G 2 2 @A 3 1 @F EIGT.
15 1 2 @F 2 2 @A 3 1 @F EIGT. -->

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SCR #112

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0 ( STAR TREK last 2/16/85 T. CHIP JARVIS)
1 1 2 @A 2 2 @D 3 2 @F WHOL
2 1 2 @B 2 2 #D 3 2 @F WHOL
3 1 2 @C 2 3 @A WHOL
4 1 2 @C 2 3 @A WHOL ;S
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Many thanks to Chip Jarvis. - We also received this method of generating sounds in TI Forth from Rex Nielsen - Thanks.

SCR #92

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0 ( Sound Routine - 3 Notes, 1 Noise Vol 1-16 by Rex Nielsen )
1 BASE->R HEX
2 80 VARIABLE OPER
3 3001 VARIABLE SDTAB
4 0 VARIABLE TIME 0 VARIABLE NOISY 2 ALLOT
5 049F VARIABLE SDOFF 4 ALLOT BDFD SDOFF 2+ ! FFOO SDOFF 2+ 2+ !
6 : OTEST BEGIN 83CE @ 0 = UNTIL ;
7 : +SDTAB 1 SDTAB +! ;
8 : +OPER 10 OPER +! ;
9 : DUR ABS 4 SRL DUP 1 < IF DROP 1 ENDIF TIME ! ;
10 : TONE1 0 3000 VSBW 1B4F5. ROT U/ DUP F AND OPER @ +
11 SDTAB @ VSBW +OPER +SDTAB 4 SRA 3F AND SDTAB @ VSBW
12 +SDTAB DROP OPER @ + SDTAB @ VSBW +SDTAB +OPER ;
13 : TONE2 TIME @ SDTAB @ VSBW SDTAB @ 3001 - 3000 VSBW +SDTAB
14 SDOFF SDTAB @ 6 VMBW 3000 83CC ! 83FD DUP @ 01 OR
15 SWAP ! 0100 83CE ! ; R->BASE -->

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SCR #93

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0 ( Sound Cont - Syntax = 0 VN -N V3 F3 V2 F2 V1 F1 DUR SOUND )
1 ( freq's F1 F2 F3 are like BASIC's )
2 ( vol's VN V1 V2 V3 are from 1 through 16 )
3 ( dur is also like BASIC's - positive or negative )
4 ( you can use from 1 to 3 notes and/or 1 noise. )
5 ( note: first item on the stack MUST be a 0, zero, or the )
6 ( empty stack error message will come up. )
7 BASE->R HEX
8
9 : NOISE ABS 1 - 7 AND E0 + NOISY ! F0 + NOISY 2 + ! ;
10 : T3 NOISY @ 0 > IF 3 0 DO NOISY I + @ SDTAB @ VSBW +SDTAB
11 2 +LOOP ENDIF ;
12 : -TEST DUP FFF7 U< IF TONE1 ELSE NOISE ENDIF ;
13 : SOUND DUP 0 > IF OTEST ENDIF DUR BEGIN -TEST DUP 0 = UNTIL T3
14 DROP TONE2 80 OPER 1 3001 SDTAB ! 0 NOISY ! ;
15 R->BASE

```

Here are a few examples using the SOUND word on screens 92-93:

FORTH

BASIC

0 1 110 100 SOUND <enter>	CALL SOUND(100,110,1)
0 2 220 3 330 4 440 100 SOUND <enter>	CALL SOUND(100,440,4,330,3,220,2)
0 14 -1 100 SOUND <enter>	CALL SOUND(100,-1,14)
0 3 -3 2 660 3 880 -200 SOUND <enter>	CALL SOUND(-200,880,3,660,2,-3,3)

PC NOTES

We have two subprograms that save and restore the function key assignments in Basic and a program that generates Piecharts for you this issue.

The Piechart program requires the Three Planes Graphics board. This program allows you to title your chart and then input up to 100 values and names for each of the sections of the chart. We have found that charts with more than 20 items start to get a little cluttered so it is best to keep the number of pie sections limited. If you need to constantly generate piecharts with more than 20 items you might want to modify the program to label each section with a letter of the alphabet (A,B,C, etc.). Then modify the code to print the label and your

section name down the sides of the screen. If you have the PRTSCN.DEV file installed (see the May issue) you can press ALT SHIFT PRINT and dump the piechart to your dot matrix printer.

The subprograms FKEY1 and FKEY2 should be saved in ASCII format so you can merge one of them into your other programs. FKEY1 has the proper address for Basic Version 1.1 and FKEY2 is set up for Basic Version 1.2. Both versions save the function keys into one 192 byte string. When the keys are restored with this subprogram you will have to execute a KEY ON to see them. You should place one of these in any of your programs that change the function keys and execute a GOSUB 65500 at the beginning of the program and a GOSUB 65520 at the end of the program. Have Fun.

FKEY1 - MS-Basic Version 1.1

```
65500 FOR I=1587 TO 1778: FKEY$=FKEY$+CHR$(PEEK(I)): NEXT: RETURN ' Save
65520 FOR I=1 TO 192: POKE I+1586,ASC(MID$(FKEY$,I,1)): NEXT: RETURN ' Restore
```

FKEY2 - MS-Basic Version 1.2

```
65500 FOR I=2324 TO 2515: FKEY$=FKEY$+CHR$(PEEK(I)): NEXT: RETURN ' Save
65520 FOR I=1 TO 192: POKE I+2323,ASC(MID$(FKEY$,I,1)): NEXT: RETURN ' Restore
```

PIECHART - MS-Basic Version 1.1 & 1.2

```
10 CLS: KEY OFF ' <<< TI PC PIECHART >>> Version 2.0 CGM 8-20-84
20 COLOR 7,0,,0: LOCATE,,0: PRINT: DEFINT I: DEFDBL A-D,X,Y: DIM A(100),A$(100)
30 FOR I=1 TO 16: KEY(I) ON: NEXT: KEY(14)OFF: KEY(15)OFF
40 LINE(40,40)-(680,140),2,BF: LINE(44,43)-(676,137),7,BF
50 LINE(48,46)-(672,134),1,BF: LINE(52,49)-(668,131),0,BF
60 LOCATE 6,22: PRINT " T E X A S I N S T R U M E N T S";
70 COLOR 2: LOCATE 8,22: PRINT " Professional Computer";
80 COLOR 7: LOCATE 10,22: PRINT "P I E C H A R T G E N E R A T O R";
90 COLOR 1: LOCATE 14,22: PRINT " Version 2.0";
100 COLOR 2: LOCATE 24,22: PRINT " < Press Any Key To Continue >";
110 T$=INKEY$: IF T$="" GOTO 110 ELSE IF T$<>CHR$(27) GOTO 130
120 RUN "FILEMENU
130 T=0: C#=1D-38: CLS: COLOR 6: LINE(0,0)-(719,299),,B
140 LOCATE 2,1: INPUT " Title of Piechart : ",T$
150 INPUT " Number of Items in Chart: ",N : PRINT: COLOR 4
160 FOR I=1 TO N:INPUT " Numeric Value, Name : ",A(I),A$(I): T=T+A(I): NEXT
170 FOR I=1 TO N: A$(I)=(A(I)/T)*6.28318530718#: NEXT: CLS: COLOR 6: T=LEN(T$)*9
180 LINE (0,17)-(719,299),,B: IF T THEN I=40-T/18: LOCATE 2,I: I=I*9 ELSE 200
190 LINE(I-28,17)-(T+I+9,17),0: LINE (I-28,7)-(T+I+9,27),,B: PRINT T$;
200 FOR I=1 TO N: B#=C#: C#=C#+A$(I): D#=(B#+C#)/2: T=(C#-B#>.079#)*6
210 X=360+COS(D#)*14.3: Y=150-SIN(D#)*7.914: CIRCLE(X,Y),150,7+T,-B#,-C#+.000001
220 IF T THEN PAINT(X+COS(D#)*143,Y-SIN(D#)*79.14466),I MOD 6+1,1
230 T=LEN(A$(I)): IF T THEN COLOR 7,0 ELSE 260
240 X=(X+COS(D#)*200-4*LEN(A$(I)))\9: Y=(Y-SIN(D#)*100)\12+1
250 LOCATE Y,X+1: PRINT A$(I): LINE (X*9,Y*12)-(X*9+9*LEN(A$(I)),Y*12),1
260 NEXT: BEEP
270 A$=INKEY$: IF A$="" THEN 270 ELSE IF A$="N" OR A$="n" THEN 120
280 IF A$="Y" OR A$="y" THEN 130 ELSE BEEP: GOTO 270
```

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